

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into by and between the City of Elgin, hereinafter referred to as City, and the Oregon Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as ODOT.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish an ODOT and City commitment to work together towards a joint access management and circulation plan and review process and establish procedures and responsibilities of each party relating to development review, pending adoption of the City's Transportation System Plan and implementing ordinances.

BACKGROUND:

- A. The 1991 Oregon Highway Plan specifies access management classification standards for all state highway facilities. Although the document describes Highway 82 as a link to the interstate system that serves to move people goods and services. It is the desire of the City of Elgin and ODOT to balance that with the need for Highway 82 to serve as the Main Street through the City of Elgin.
- B. ODOT recognizes the importance of the development of an interconnecting, local street system to support local traffic needs. An adequate local street system is the foundation for livable communities, and increases opportunities for other transportation modes and land use patterns.
- C. In balancing the needs of the community with those of through traffic, ODOT recognizes that Highway 82 serves as the primary access to those businesses located on streets that connect to the highway, and that the future economic health of the communities served by Highway 82 depends on businesses having reasonable access to it.

CITY AND ODOT COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ODOT recognizes and honors the City of Elgin's existing grid system of intersection spacing at a minimum of 250 feet and ODOT is committed to ensure that all properties have reasonable access
- B. ODOT and City will work together with the business community and citizens of Elgin to develop a joint Access Management Circulation Plan.
- C. Final approval of the joint Access Management and Circulation Plan will be made by ODOT and the City through Resolution of Support and/or subsequent adoption of the City's Transportation System Plan and implementing ordinances.
- D. City will notify ODOT of land use actions potentially impacting a State transportation facility.

- E. ODOT and City will work with applicants to optimize safety where there is a reasonable alternative access and opportunities to limit conflict points, i.e. encouraging joint access.
- F. ODOT and City will meet with applicants at the proposed development site to discuss reasonable alternatives to optimize safety and to formulate a joint recommendation for the City's development review process.
- G. City will require applicants to submit a formal request for access to the state highway to the ODOT District 13 office.
- H. ODOT agrees to share any concerns regarding future accesses as part of the City of Elgin's planning process, prior to making any final decisions on access within the City.
- I. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party at any time by prior written notice.

**STATE OF OREGON, BY AND
THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

By: 

Tom Schuft, Manager
Region 5

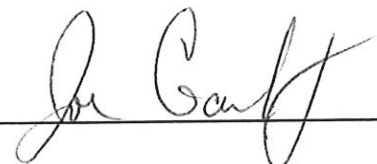
Date: 1/22/98

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By: 

Rick Smith, Mayor

Date: 2-10-98

By: 

Joe Garlitz, Recorder/Administrator

Date: 2/11/98